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VAN HORN MAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH THREATENING U.S. POSTMASTER

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that federal authorities arrested 65-year-old Robert Norman Carson of Van Horn, Texas this morning for threatening to kill a U.S. Postal Service employee.

According to a criminal complaint, Carson entered the U.S. Post Office in Van Horn on January 31, 2007, and accused U.S. Postal employees of stealing his mail and or giving it to other people. During a conversation with the Postmaster, Carson told her, "If I figure out which one of you is giving my mail to other people, I am going to bring a gun up here and kill one of you."

In addition, Carson allegedly reiterated his threat several times during a conversation with a United States Postal Inspector on February 8, 2007, in the lobby of the U.S. Post Office in Van Horn.

Upon conviction, Carson faces up to three years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine. He remains in federal custody pending a detention hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 1:30pm before United States Magistrate Judge Durwood Edwards in Pecos, Texas.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James J. Miller.

An criminal complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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